



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3863**
Yoshikazu FUKUI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0755A
Serial No. 10/581,322 : Group Art Unit 1626
Filed July 18, 2006 : Examiner Sun Jae Y. Loewe

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Official Action dated January 22, 2008, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Initially, Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for the indication that the elected species is allowable.

In item 12 on page 1 of the Action, there is no acknowledgment of the claim of foreign priority, and there is no acknowledgment that all certified copies of the priority documents have been received. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge these facts in the next Action. In page 4, we note that the Examiner has acknowledged receipt of the priority documents.

On page 5, claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 26 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over WO 03/084916. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.